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COMMUNICATION FACILITIES EXPAND;
RADIO PARTS UNOBTAINABLE

NO TUBES. BATTERIES IN VOSTOCHNO-KAZAKHSTAN OBLAST -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 85, 14 May 49

There are radio receivers in all village reading-rooms and clubs and in almost every kolkhoz and in most kolkhoz houses of Shemonaikhinskiy Rayon, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast. However, most of the receivers are out of order because of the lack of batteries and tubes. The rayon consumers' union receives numerous applications for radio parts, but they cannot be purchased in village stores. The public radio reception system is of no help to the kolkhozes. It takes one year or more to get a radio receiver repaired.

NOVOSIBIRSK RADIOIFICATION PROGRESSES -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 89, 7 May 49

Novosibirsk Oblast now has 94,000 radio rebroadcasting loudspeakers and more than 10,000 tube and regenerative receivers. The 1949 - 1950 plans call for radioification of all rural population centers. It has been planned in 1949 to construct 140 public radio reception and distribution systems which will serve 33,500 controllable loudspeakers in kolkhoz houses, to construct 447 kilometers of rebroadcasting lines, and install 10,000 regenerative receivers for individual use and 890 tube receivers for public use in kolkhozes.

A number of large interkolkhoz public reception and distribution systems will be put into operation this year, including one in the village of Mokhnatyy Log, Krasnozerskiy Rayon, to serve 12 kolkhozes and the Mokhnatologovskaya MTS; in the village of Kayly, Oyashinskiy Rayon, to serve 10 kolkhozes; and in the village of Lyubino, Vseserlovskiy Rayon, to serve 8 kolkhozes and one MTS. Construction is being completed on the reception system in the village of Yurty, Toguchinskiy Rayon, the largest interkolkhoz system in the oblast, which will serve 10 kolkhozes and an MTS.

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More than 1,500 tube receivers have been sold since the beginning of the year in rural areas of Novosibirsk Oblast and more than 2,000 regenerative receivers have been sold by rural cooperative agencies within the last 2 months. (From an article by N. Gorshkov, chairman, Novosibirsk Oblast Radio Committee).

CHITA RADIO FACILITIES EXPANDED -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 88, 7 May 49

All centers in the distant northern regions of Chita Oblast have radio communications with Chita. Within the rayons, all settlements have radio communication with the rayon centers. Workers in the Chita Radio Center have pledged to install as many as 50 radio receivers in kolkhozes this year.

Chita radio station RV-52 now has the most modern equipment and is installed in a large new building. One of the studios can hold a chorus of as many as 100 - 120 persons. Radio programs over RV-52 have been heard in Ashkhabad, Mamnathka, Port Arthur, and recently in Melbourne, Australia. The studio recently received a MAG-2A portable sound recorder. The recorder has considerably increased the variety of programs broadcast by the station. For example, the station has begun to use the recorder to transcribe the best musical and literary programs from Moscow. Programs from Chita have been rebroadcast to railroad passengers by the train's public reception system. There are now more than 10,000 controllable loudspeakers in Chita. RV-52 programs are rebroadcast by many public reception systems in the oblast.

ANADYR' RADIO FACILITIES EXPANDED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 110, 12 May 49

A new public radio reception system with 300 controllable loudspeakers has been installed in the settlement of the Anadyr' Fish Combine. By the end of 1949, three additional public radio reception systems will be put into operation in the Chukot National Okrug.

MOLDAVIAN PLANTS GET TELEPHONES -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 112, 7 Jun 49

Equipment in Tiraspol' enterprises is increasing daily. The largest plants have their own telephone switchboard, among these the Cannery imeni Tkachenko, the winery and cognac distillery, the sewing factory, the wood container combine, and the railroad station. A dial telephone system was recently put into operation in the Machinery Plant imeni Kirov, and telephones are installed in all the shops and offices.

INTRAKOLKHOZ TELEPHONES INSTALLED -- Pravda, No 162, 11 Jun 49

Barnaul, Altay Kray -- Intrakolkhoz telephones have been set up in the "Krasnaya Zvezda," "Pamyati Lenina," "Baykal," and "Pobeda," agricultural artels, Volchikhinskiy Rayon. Kolkhoz management of the kolkhozes is now connected with all livestock farms and field camps. Twenty additional intrakolkhoz telephone centers are being set up. Kolkhozes of a number of other rayons of the kray are setting up their own telephone centers.

ARMENIAN MAIL SERVICE IMPROVES -- Kommunist, No 133, 8 Jun 49

Until recently, mail from Yerevan to Basargechar took 2 or 3 days. Daily automobile mail service has now been established between the Armenian capital and this distant rayon. Workers of Basargecharskiy Rayon are now able to read the newspapers on the day they appear.

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